--- 1 Pound - “Series of 1883” - GREEN - 320/322 x 20 mm. ---

John McKay records that 21,000 copies recess printed by hand press and 186,500 *lithographed* copies “1 lb. Green” cut tobacco were ‘delivered’ under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892).

John McKay records that 301,395 copies recess printed by hand press and 1,105 *lithographed* copies of “1 lb. Green” cut tobacco were ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897). Probably the lithographed strips had all been printed and control numbered under the 4th BABN Contract.

I would presume that all 187,605 lithographed strips were prepared under the **4th BABN Contract**, and that the final delivery (amounting to 1,105 strips) was made under the **5th BABN Contract**.

4th BABN Contract	187,605 lithographed	**000001** to **187605**
	21,000 recess printed (hand press)	**187606** to **206605**
5th BABN Contract	301,395 recess printed (hand press)	**208606** to **510000**
	510,000	

The catalogue lists the “Series of 1883” green 1 pound strip as follows:

Lithographed - three beavers, plus foliage, without an imprint

RP-597 (L) - 1 pound, perforated 12, on horizontal mesh wove, 322 x 20 mm. - 4 mm. blue controls

Recess printed - a single beaver, without foliage

RP-599 - 1 pound, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 320 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-600 - 1 pound, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 320 x 20 mm plus LWE - with 5 mm blue controls

--- Scanned at 200% scale ---

RP-600 - 5 mm controls

RP-599 - 4 mm controls

The left hand example measures 24 mm while the right hand example is only 19 mm wide. This 24 mm spacing is normal for 5 mm BABN controls applied at Ottawa.

--- RP-599 / RP-600 - *recess printed strip* - a single beaver in the pond - 5th BABN Contract ---

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--- *Lithographed* in Montreal on horizontal mesh wove - 322 x 20 mm - with 4 mm. blue controls ---

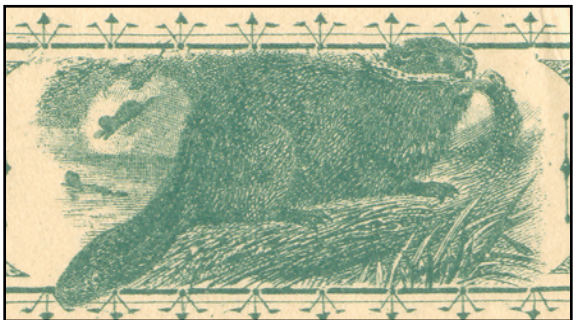
--- RP-597 (L) - perforated 12 - (three beavers with foliage) - scanned at 50% scale ---

RP-597 (L) - 1 pound, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh wove, perforated 12, with 4 mm control **040964**, Stamped **Beauharnois** in purple ink

RP-597 (L) - 1 pound, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh wove, perforated 12, with 4 mm control **040987**

029535	RP-597 (L)	1 pound, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, perforated 12, Used as a band around a hand of tobacco
040964★	RP-597 (L)	1 pound, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, perforated 12, Stamped **Beauharnois** in violet ink
040987★	RP-597 (L)	1 pound, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, perforated 12
131431	RP-597 (L)	1 pound, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, perforated 12, Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-17**
140958	RP-597 (L)	1 pound, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, perforated 12
142842	RP-597 (L)	1 pound, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, perforated 12, Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-17**
142846	RP-597 (L)	1 pound, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, perforated 12, Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-17**
172669	RP-597 (L)	1 pound, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, perforated 12, Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-17**

--- *lithographed strip* - three beavers in the pond, plus overhead foliage - at 200% scale ---



These *lithographed* strips measure 322 mm design length, while the *recess printed* strips measure only 320 mm.

--- Recess printed in Ottawa on horizontal mesh wove - 320 x 20 mm plus LWE - with 5 mm blue controls ---

--- RP-600 - *coarse roulette* - (a single beaver without foliage) - without an imprint - scanned at 50% scale ----

If I was to hazard a guess about the following two strips, I would think that these were from the initial batch of strips *recess printed* at Ottawa upon BABN's 1887 return from Montreal. Both the stamp colour and control the numbering are different than the Montreal strips. Although the control numbering seems to be too high to come from this first recess printed delivery, there were probably more than the 'delivered' 187,605 strips printed and control numbered under the **4th Contract** - possibly 300,000 strips.

RP-600 - 1 pound, pale green, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. control number **296009**,
A single beaver without foliage - with the long white end 15¾ inches over-all

296009★	RP-600	1 pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
296016	RP-600	1 pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove

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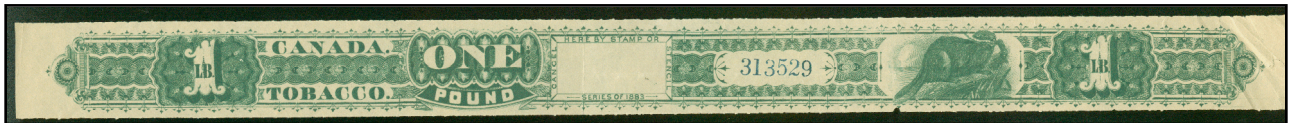
--- Recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-599 - *coarse roulette* - (a single beaver without foliage) - scanned at 50% scale ---



RP-599 - 1 pound, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm control **313529**

RP-599 - 1 pound, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm control **313548**,
stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic - suspect

300360	RP-599	1 pound, coarse roulette, recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
300372	RP-599	1 pound, coarse roulette, recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
304768	RP-599	1 pound, coarse roulette, recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
304770	RP-599	1 pound, coarse roulette, recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
308073	RP-599	1 pound, coarse roulette, recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
313524	RP-599 CP	1 pound, coarse roulette, recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic - suspect
313529★	RP-599	1 pound, coarse roulette, recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
313548★	RP-599 CP	1 pound, coarse roulette, recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic - suspect

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